

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Vannatta for her meritorious service to the citizens of this State.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those estimable individuals who devote themselves to charitable works, thereby advancing the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Linda Vannatta, a Bedford County resident who has committed her life to serving those in need; and

WHEREAS, witnessing firsthand the dire circumstances encountered by those struggling to escape poverty, Ms. Vannatta has made it her mission to help them break the cycle; when she served as director and board member of the Next Step Home, a transitional home for women recovering from drug and alcohol abuse, she made significant strides toward this mission, aiding many vulnerable women in securing the necessities of a stable, prosperous life; and

WHEREAS, Linda Vannatta understands the importance of extending support and compassion to those close to home; for decades, she has mentored and assisted family members of her employees on the farm; and

WHEREAS, a woman with a heart for children, Ms. Vannatta provides school supplies, shoes, and clothing to those with limited resources; she also does her utmost to ensure that children and others without transportation have a means of getting to church, doctors' offices, or wherever else they may need to go; and

WHEREAS, understanding that food can be a healing balm, Linda Vannatta does her best to feed those who might otherwise go without; she takes meals to individuals who are homebound, sick, or grieving the loss of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, filled with compassion for struggling young mothers, Ms. Vannatta has spent countless hours washing, drying, folding, and mending clothes for these women and their children, hoping that providing the basic necessities to these families will ease the burden they are under and usher them toward a life of health, happiness, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Linda Vannatta epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism that is synonymous with this State, and it is fitting that she be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and honor Linda Vannatta for her meritorious service to the citizens of this State, extending to her our sincerest wishes for much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.